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COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM

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SUBJECT SIGHTING OF U.S. PRISONER OF WAR IN LUC NAM DISTRICT, HA BAC PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM.

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1. AT ABOUT 1500 HOURS ONE DAY IN MID-OCTOBER 1967, SAW A U.S. PRISONER OF WAR (POW) AT XJ625563, ABOUT TWO AND A HALF KILOMETERS EAST OF THE BEN BO AREA, LUC NAM DISTRICT, HA BAC PROVINCE, NORTH VIETNAM. HE HAD LANDED WITH A RED PARACHUTE AND WAS CAPTURED BY CHINESE ANTIAIRCRAFT UNIT PERSONNEL STATIONED IN THE AREA. HIS F-105 AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN BY NORTH VIETNAMESE ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY AND CRASHED AT AN UNIDENTIFIED LOCATION IN QUANG NINH PROVINCE.

2. OBSERVED THE POW FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR FROM A DISTANCE OF THREE TO FIVE METERS. THE POW WAS CAUCASIAN, ABOUT 40 YEARS OLD, 1.80 METERS TALL, WEIGHED ABOUT 75 KILOS, HAD A MEDIUM BUILD, DARK COMPLEXION, LONG FACE, BROWN EYES, THICK RED HAIR AND LONG SIDEBURNS. HE WAS DRESSED IN A GREEN FLIGHT SUIT AND WORE A WRISTWATCH AND AN OPAL RING IN A GOLD SETTING.

3. LUC NGAN DISTRICT PUBLIC SECURITY CADRE, THE SECRETARY OF THE LUC NAM DISTRICT PARTY COMMITTEE, AND CADRE OF THE LUC NAM DISTRICT UNIT WERE ALL PRESENT AT THE POW LANDING SITE AND ARGUED WITH THE CHINESE FOR CUSTODY OF THE POW. FINALLY, THE CHINESE RELEASED THE POW AND HE WAS DRIVEN AWAY IN ONE OF FOUR JEEPS OF THE HA BAC PROVINCE PUBLIC SECURITY UNIT. HE WAS NOT TIED OR BLINDFOLDED.

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4. (FIELD COMMENT: WAS SHOWN THE ALBUM OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA (U) AND IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH NO. J030 ON PAGE I A 81 AS SIMILAR TO THE POW HE HAD SEEN.)

5. (FIELD COMMENT: THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (JCRC) EVALUATED THIS REPORT AS FOLLOWS: "IN THE AREA AND TIME FRAME MENTIONED, THE MOST LIKELY POSSIBILITY IS THAT SOURCE OBSERVED MAJOR WAYNE E. F U L L A M (ACCESSION NO. 0767) USAF, WHO WAS SHOT DOWN AT 1615 HOURS 7 OCTOBER 1967, AT XJ962562. MAJ FULLAM WAS FLYING AN F105D AND THE CRAFT WAS DOWNED IN THE VICINITY DESCRIBED BY . SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA, TIME, AND CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DOWNING IS SIMILAR TO THE ACTUAL INCIDENT. FURTHER, THE PICTURE SELECTED BY CLOSELY RESEMBLES MAJOR FULLAM (SEE PHOTO F040 ON PAGE I A-219). HE MADE A HIGH SPEED EJECTION, IN EXCESS OF 500 KNOTS. HE HAD A GOOD CHUTE, WITH A VERY STRONG BEEPER SIGNAL. AFTER THE CHUTE DEPLOYED, HE DID NOT DEPLOY HIS SEAT KIT, AND WAS NOT OBSERVED MOVING DURING HIS DESCENT. FULLAM'S FLIGHT FLEW RECAP FOR 15-20 MINUTES AND THROUGHOUT THIS TIME CONTINUED TO RECEIVE SIGNALS FROM HIS BEEPER. BUT AT NO TIME WAS THERE APPARENT ANY ATTEMPT MADE BY HIM TO ESTABLISH CONTACT USING HIS

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EMERGENCY RADIO. ON ARRIVAL OF SEARCH AND RESCUE FLIGHT, HIS CHUTE WAS SEEN HANGING FROM THE TREES, WITH HIS BEEPER STILL TRANSMITTING. HOWEVER, ON THE NEXT PASS THE BEEPER HAD BEEN TURNED OFF AND THE CHUTE REMOVED FROM THE TREES. BASED ON THE ABOVE FACTS, IT IS ASSUMED THAT MAJ FULLAM WAS INJURED OR POSSIBLY KILLED DURING HIS EJECTION. MAJ FULLAM IS PRESENTLY CARRIED AS MIA IN NORTH VIETNAM.") (FIELD COMMENT: MAJOR FULLAM'S NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE LISTS OF POW'S PROVIDED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG REPRESENTATIVES IN PARIS AS POW'S SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE TO U.S. AUTHORITIES OR OF THOSE WHO DIED IN CAPTIVITY.)

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